MAINE "EXPANSION OF DEVELOPMENT" MAPPING METHODOLOGY

The "Expansion of Development" maps were produced in 2000 by the State Planning Office. The following slides are from a presentation originally published using Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is no longer supported. The project lead was Evan Rickert, State Planning Office Director.

Depiction of historical expansion (1940 – 1990) is based on decennial Census housing data converted to housing density (number of housing units/gross acreage within the municipality).

Town by town development expansion was then projected 50 years, in 10-yr increments, using data on housing unit growth rates during the 1990s (1990-1998). The housing unit growth rate data was derived from local tax assessment and/or building permit records.

On each map, every municipality is categorized as follows, according to its overall housing density :

Rural	more than 20 acres per housing unit
Emerging Suburb	10 to 20 acres per housing unit
Suburban	3 to 9.99 acres per housing unit
Urban	less than 3 acres per housing unit

The categories are based on SPO staff observations of the function of sample communities over time at different levels of housing density.



















